

Name	Deputy Lord Mayor Clyde Bevan
Item number and title	16.2 - Cathedral Square Placemaking Proposal
Nature of interest	Impartiality
Interest description	<i>"The Church Group were my landlords."</i>

Name	Councillor Catherine Lezer
Item number and title	20.1 - City of Perth Draft Business Plan - East Perth Primary School
Nature of interest	Impartiality
Interest description	<i>"Until the October 2023 local government election, I represented City of Perth on the Development WA Perth Local Redevelopment Committee."</i>

6. Public Participation

6.1 Responses to Public Questions Previously Taken on Notice

Questions from Scott O’Keeffe were taken on notice at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 27 February 2024 and have been responded to in the Agenda for this meeting.

6.2 Public Questions

John Gougoulis – East Perth WA 6004	
Q1	Recent improvements to Wellington Square have been fantastic enabling family and community use. Hosting large music events there like the Laneway Festival put those facilities out of action for two weeks at a time (including bumping in and out); the grass dies and takes a while to recover; and the music noise levels and the crowds mulling the streets on the day and evening are highly disruptive for the residents all around the park area. Why is Wellington Square being used for these music events and not other better open green spaces like Esplanade, Langley Park and so on?
Provided by the General Manager Community Development	
A1	<p>The City is aware that large events may impact residents and business due to increased levels of noise, traffic and patrons in the vicinity of the event site. To manage and mitigate potential issues, the City works closely with event permit holders to ensure there is accountability for a range of measures including noise levels, patron behaviour and public safety.</p> <p>Wellington Square is one of the City’s main event sites and due to its size and location, can host events like these. Following each event, the City addresses any concerns with the event permit holder and uses this to inform the consideration of future applications.</p> <p>With regard to the future use of Wellington Square (and other public open spaces), the City is committed to providing a variety of opportunities that meet the wide range of experiences expected by our diverse community. As detailed in the City’s Events Strategy</p>

	(this can be found on our website) the City has a vision to be “the events heart of WA”. To achieve this, the City aims to facilitate, support and deliver great opportunities throughout the year for community interaction and enjoyment, resulting in Perth being a vibrant, iconic destination.
	David Lim – Crawley WA 6000
Q1	<p>(a) What active measures has the City undertaken to encourage adoption of the Parking App? Has the City considered a regular education campaign to highlight its benefits such as users receiving an upfront fee calculation with automatic application of an area's parking conditions and the user can control the time of their departure.</p> <p>(b) What financial modelling has the City conducted to analyse the impact of the price increase on day rates for weekly budgeting? For example a university student/medical worker in the Crawley/Nedlands neighbourhood will have to pay an extra \$1.60 a day to cover the app adoption recovery charge.</p>
	Provided by the General Manager Commercial Services
A1	<p>(a) The City has actively supported the App implementation since June 2023 with social media advertising, updates provided via the City of Perth Parking App, website and Visit Perth platforms. Noting that the most effective campaign is one targeted at the point of sale, messaging and advertising is placed around parking signs and meters across the City with further digital to continue awareness.</p> <p>(b) The City conducted analysis which included pricing to assist supply and demand dynamics and increase bay turnover thereby increasing visitation and access, and to reduce cruising and congestion. Management of this is key in supporting residents and business across the City of Perth, ensuring a reasonable level of bay availability. Aligning the total cost of parking across the payment methods is intentional (noting that there are no increases to your cost of parking if you currently pay using the App) to encourage further take up of the App which is a more flexible and convenient method for the customer.</p>
Q2	<p>The City Planning item 'UWA QEII Precinct Plan' shows a total of \$27,281 spent of a \$350,000 budget (Agenda, p.187). Comments note that the 'Consultant continued work on background report and engagement plan. Transport impact assessment and parking management plan being finalised with expenditure to follow.'</p> <p>(a) What spending is forecast for the UWA QEII Precinct Plan for the remainder of the financial year?</p> <p>(b) What timetable has been planned for the delivery of the background report and engagement plan? At last month's Ordinary Council Meeting, the City stated they had planned to commence community engagement in May, but this was delayed pending the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage finalising its economic development strategy.</p> <p>(c) When will the transport impact assessment and parking management plan be finalised and shared with stakeholders, does the City have interim plans to alleviate the traffic and parking problems currently occurring in the Precinct?</p>

	(d) Will the City be updating the UWA QEII Precinct Plan webpage to reflect the current phase of the project?
	Provided by the Chief Financial Officer/General Manager Planning and Economic Development
A2	<p>(a) Forecast spending for the remainder of the 2023/2024 financial year is \$193,264. Payments are linked to deliverables - in this instance a State and Local Planning Framework review, submission of a Background Site and Context Analysis Report (BSCA) to the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage (DPLH), and 90% completion of technical reports.</p> <p>(b) The BSCA Report is scheduled to be submitted to DPLH this financial year. The City anticipates finalising preparation of its engagement plan this financial year, with actual commencement/ delivery of engagement occurring once input from the State Government on the future economic growth of the precinct is finalised.</p> <p>(c) The Transport Impact Assessment and Parking Management Plan (TIA and PMP) will form part of the BSCA Report. This will be shared with stakeholders when engagement commences. The City recently completed a new shared path along Winthrop Avenue to encourage/ improve active transport movement. The City is working with State Government agencies such as Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA), Public Transport Authority of Western Australia (PTA) and Department of Transport (DoT) on other ways to improve access and movement into and through the Precinct.</p> <p>(d) The City is currently liaising with City of Nedlands and the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage (DPLH) as part of finalising updates to the Engage Perth page. These updates will include an update to the project status, current and next steps and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)</p>
Q3	<p>The Parks and Environment Operations item 'Pest control program - PSHB' shows an unbudgeted amount of \$222,425 spent this financial year (Agenda p. 194). January's Accounts Paid itemises a total of \$75,028.85 paid to the contractor for Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer management.</p> <p>(a) What is the anticipated budget being set at the mid year budget review for this program and is this in line with current spending?</p> <p>(b) What range of measures is the City undertaking to address the issue; does this include tree preservation and investment in research-based solutions?</p> <p>(c) Is the City recording the historical significance and age of trees, by photographing and documenting their location, before their removal?</p>
	Provided by the General Manager Infrastructure and Operations
A3	(d) The mid-year budget review set a total budget of \$750,000 for the 2023/24 financial year. Year to date expenditure is \$261,488.00 of \$550,000.00 relating to the proactive management of PSHB, it is anticipated to expend the available budget. Expenditure to initiate a research trial (\$200,000.00) is subject to satisfying procurement and contractual outcomes.

- (e) Tree preservation and proactive management are at the core of the City's response to managing PSHB. City staff have been working across the local government, arboriculture and science sectors to identify improved strategies and tactics to complement the work being undertaken by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD). Works include the mapping of host trees to inform a schedule of visual inspections including aerial inspections of high value trees, leading to the early identification of infestations resulting in the minor pruning of trees compared to complete tree removals, the application of soil amendments and bio stimulants to boost tree health and vigor and supporting advocacy for a stronger response to eradicating PSHB including the development of a research trial. The delivery of these works is being led by a recently recruited Technical Officer (Arboriculture).
- (f) Yes, the City is and will continue to capture images pre and post works.

7. Confirmation of Minutes

Council Resolution (OCM-24/03-002)

Mover: Deputy Lord Mayor Clyde Bevan

Seconded: Councillor Catherine Lezer

That Council CONFIRMS the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 February 2024 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED (8/0)

For : Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas; Deputy Lord Mayor Clyde Bevan; Councillors Raj Doshi, Brent Fleeton, Liam Gobbert, David Goncalves, Viktor Ko, and Catherine Lezer

Against : Nil

8. Questions by Members which due Notice has been Given

Nil.

9. Correspondence

Nil.

10. Petitions

Nil.